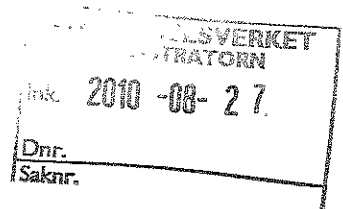




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Proposed Import Control on Aquatic Products**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Import Control on Aquatic Products

Further to my previous letter of 1 August 2008 with reference FEHD/CFS/4/100/10, I would like to inform you that the Centre for Food Safety has finished drawing up a proposal to regulate the import of aquatic products that are used for human consumption. We intend to introduce a new regulation to provide for the control measures.

In accordance with the proposal, each import consignment of cultured live or unprocessed aquatic products are required to be accompanied by a health certificate issued by the health authority of the place of origin. As it may be impractical to require health certificates for wild-caught aquatic products, we would require these consignments to be accompanied by a self-declaration, suggest to be signed by the master of the vessel, recording details of the catch. We also intend to prohibit the import of live puffer fish and other live aquatic products with high risk of tetrodotoxin. For processed aquatic products (except those of puffer fish where a health certificate will be required), we do not intend to impose any specific import control measures on these products at this stage.

A specimen health certificate is attached for your comments. The proposed definitions of some essential terms are set out below for your ease of reference -

"aquatic products" means fish, shellfish, amphibian or any other form of aquatic life other than a bird, mammal or reptile.

"Unprocessed aquatic products" means aquatic foodstuff that have not undergone any processing, and includes products that have been divided, parted, severed, sliced, boned, minced, skinned, ground, cut, cleaned, trimmed, chilled, frozen, deep frozen or thawed.

“Processing” means any action that substantially alters the initial product, including heating, smoking, curing, maturing, drying, marinating, extraction, extrusion or a combination of those processes.

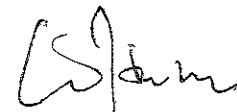
“Processed aquatic products” means aquatic foodstuff resulting from the processing of unprocessed products. These products may contain ingredients that are necessary for their manufacture or to give them specific characteristics.

I should be grateful if you would also inform relevant health authority of your country our proposed regulatory control.

We would keep you informed of the legislative development in due course.

Should you have any enquiries on this letter, you are welcome to contact me at 2867 5990 or email me at chihlau@fehd.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,



(LAU Chi-hung)

for Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

**SANITARY CERTIFICATE
COVERING AQUATIC ANIMALS AND AQUATIC PRODUCTS**

(LETTERHEAD or LOGO)

 Identification
number: _____

Country of Dispatch: Competent Authority: Certifying Body:

I. Details identifying the aquatic animals and aquatic products

Description of animal /product	Species (scientific name)	State or type of processing	Type of packaging	Lot Identifier/ date code	Number of packages	Net weight
Sum :						

 Identification number of the seal of container (if appropriate)

Temperature required during storage and transport: _____ °C

II. Provenance of the aquatic animals and aquatic products

 Address(es) and/or the Registration number(s) of aquaculture farm(s), production area(s) or production establishment(s) authorized for exports by competent authority:

 Name and address of
consignor: _____

III. Destination of the aquatic animals and aquatic products

The aquatic animals / aquatic products are
to be dispatched
from:

_____ (Place of dispatch)

to:

_____ (Country and place of destination)

by the following means of
transport:

Name of consignee and address at place of
destination: _____

IV. Attestation

The undersigned certifying officer hereby certifies that:

- 1) The aquatic animals or products described above originate from (an) approved farm(s) or establishment(s) that has been approved by, or otherwise determined to be in good regulatory standing with the competent authority in the exporting country;
- 2) The aquatic animals have been produced, packed, stored, and transported under sanitary condition, which were under the supervision of competent authority and in accordance with the requirements laid down in Codex Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products;
- 3) The aquatic products have been handled, prepared or processed, identified, stored and transported under a competent sanitary programme consistently implemented and in accordance with the requirements laid down in Codex Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products;
- 4) The aquatic animals or products have been inspected and quarantined by the competent authority and do not found harmful levels of microorganisms, harmful substances and foreign substances regulated in the exporting country and Hong Kong;
- 5) The aquatic animals or products meet veterinary sanitary requirements and are fit for human consumption.

Done at _____

(Place)

on _____

(Date)

(SEAL)

(Signature of certifying officer)

(Name and official position)

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail: (optional)